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In re application of: Hisaki Miyamoto et al.

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Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following comments.

REMARKS

Claims 43-49 and 56 are presently under consideration in the application. Each of these claims is believed to be allowable in its present form for at least the reasons set forth below.